

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with 1, 7, 13, 18-20 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 20 is sought to be amended. These amendments do not narrow the scope of protection. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

I. Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner has requested that Figures 1-3 be labeled as prior art. Applicant has amended Figures 1-3 to accommodate the Examiner's objections. The amendments are shown in red. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 20 to accommodate the Examiner's rejection. Applicant notes that the scope of the claim has not been narrowed.

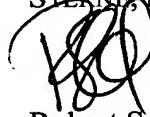
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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